

# **CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 9**

March 27, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes covenant marriage; provides grounds for the termination of covenant marriage, allows designation of a marriage as a covenant marriage.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

On January 17, 2005, we issued a fiscal note which indicated that there would be an *increase in state revenues of \$1,100, an increase in state expenditures of \$10,000 recurring and \$500 one-time, and a not significant increase to local govt. expenditures.* Based on additional information provided by the Department of Health, the estimated fiscal impact of this bill is:

#### **(Corrected)**

**Increase State Revenues – \$1,050**

**Increase State Expenditures – Less than \$10,000 Recurring  
\$27,000 One-Time**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant**

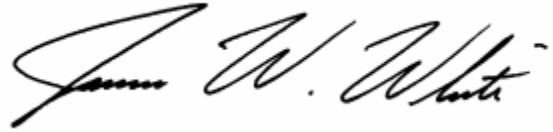
#### **Assumptions:**

- Department of Health will incur a one-time expense of \$500 to change marriage certificate form.
- The Office of Vital Records would need to convert the Automated Index Retrieval System (AIRS) and the Tennessee Vital Record System (TVRS) to file, record, and maintain out of state marriages. Such will result in a one-time increase to state expenditures of \$26,500.
- Secretary of State will have an increase in expenditures of less than \$10,000 to produce and distribute a pamphlet detailing the terms of covenant marriage.
- The Department of Health estimates that 70 of the conversions will be for marriages that occurred one year after the date of marriage and will be charged a \$15 record amendment fee which will result in increased state revenues of \$1,050.

- Local government will have a not significant increase in expenditures for additional transactions involving marriage licenses.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director